instalments to the Maulana Azad Education Foundation towards its corpus fund, as per details given below:

(i) Rs. 5.00 crore on 29.3.1993

(ii) Rs. 25.01 crore on 31.3.1995

(iii) Rs 40.00 crore on 29.8.1997

(c) No allocation for the Foundation was made in 2002-03, as the scheme had been weeded out by the Planning Commission.

(d) A sum of Rs. 30.00 crore has been earmarked for the Foundation under the Tenth Five Year Plan in order to bring the corpus fund to Rs. 100 crore.

Increasing the unit cost under National Scheme for Scavengers

3981. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the unit cost from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5,00,000 under National Scheme for Scavengers and their dependents;

(b) if so, how many units have been sanctioned in the revised rates to the States, State-wise; and

(c) how many units have been requested by the Government of Karnataka for the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of Karnataka had requested for assistance for the liberation of 3861 scavengers during the year 2001-2002.

Setting up of a National Trust for Welfare of Mentally Retarded Persons

3982. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a National Trust for the Welfare of persons with mental retardation and other disabilities; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the benefits that may accrue to 30 million mentally retarded persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities under its Reach & Relief Scheme provides financial support for running day care respite care, and residential care centres and training of special teachers and home based care givers. Besides, assistance is provided for establishment of information centres, development and dissemination of information booklets for parents and families, organizing awareness campaigns and seminars etc. To address Guardianship issues, Local Level Committees are also being set up in the State and U.Ts. The details of scheme/programmes of National Trust is also available in the web site www.nationaltrust.org.in

Vocational training to disabled persons by RCI

3983. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute of Vocational Education has prepared a comprehensive plan for imparting vocational training to persons with disability and it would be the responsibility of Rehabilitation Council of India to prepare vocational instructors for the future;

(b) if so, the details of plan prepared by Rehabilitation Council of India;

(c) to what extent Government have agreed to implement this plan;

(d) whether Government have also plan to have Rs. 100 crore fund exclusively for extremely disabled; and

(e) if so, the criteria adopted in providing help and assistance to the disabled under this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c) The Rehabilitation Council of India has standardized the curriculum of one-year Diploma in Vocational Training and Employment (Mental Retardation) to train instructors.